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1950 LUMBER PRODUCTION NOT SATISFACTORY EQUIP, CONSTRUCT BUILDING MATERIALS FACTORIES

PLAN FOR LOWER PRODUCTION COSTS FAILS -- Belgrade, Borba, 15 Feb 51

Recently Niko Jurincic, general director of the Lumber Industry in Bosnia and Herzegovina, stated that the 1950 plan for lowering the production cost of lumber was not fulfilled, as lumber production costs were 400 million dinars higher than was called for by the plan. In 1950 only 350,000 cubic meters of lumber of a possible 1,100,000 cubic meters were cut by power saws. Tractors could have traveled at least 500,000 ton-kilometers in moving lumber, but actually traveled only 124,000 ton-kilometers. The remaining ton-kilometers had to be taken care of by 350 teams of draft animals. In consequence, there was an additional loss of 40 million dinars. The four "lasso"-type cableways could have achieved 95,000 ton-kilometers but actually did only 32,000 ton-kilometers. The remaining 63,000 ton-kilometers were accounted for by workers and draft animals. Lumber enterprises thus lost an additional 20 million dinars in 1950.

Because workers did not report for work regularly, 602,000 man-days were lost in 1950 in the lumber industry. Seven hundred workers per day were absent without leave from sawmills.

EQUIP PLYWOOD FACTORY IN BLAZUJ -- Zagreb, Vjesnik, 20 Feb. 511

Sarajevo, 19 February -- Equipment has arrived for the plywood factory which is being built at Blazuj, near Sarajevo, and will be installed by the end of this year.

Although there are few skilled craftsmen in Yugoslavia for work in a factory of this type, the management of the factory has secured competent personnel. Forty youths were qualified in the plywood and veneer factory at Susak, six youths qualified as machinists in Sremska Mitrovica, and about 100 youths are now attending courses in the production of synthetic wood, an entirely new product in Yugoslavia.

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START PREPARATORY WORK ON GLASS FACTORY -- Sarajevo, Oslobodjenje, 16 Feb 51

Sarajevo, 15 February -- Preparatory work has started on a glass factory to be built in the Tuzla Basin near Lukavac. This factory will be the largest of its type in Yugoslavia. Its capacity will equal the combined output of all other glass factories in Yugoslavia. Although construction of the factory will require several years, individual plants will be placed in operation gradually. All raw materials, such as caustic soda, quartz sand, and coal, are available in the immediate vicinity. Engineers of the Designing Bureau in Sarajevo are now drafting plans for the factory buildings, while the building site is being surveyed and the ground leveled.

MATERIALS ARRIVE FOR CONCRETE PARTS FACTORY -- Eelgrade, Politika, 17 Feb 51

Split, 16 February -- Most of the equipment for building a new factory for concrete parts for prefabricated buildings, which is under construction not far from Split, near the "Partizan" cement factory, has arrived from the "Djuro Djakovic" factory. The rest of the equipment will arrive soon from the same factory, while the electromotive equipment will be delivered by the "Rade Koncar" factory.

As the new factory is located in the center of the Dalmatian cement industry, and there is a stone quarry in the immediate vicinity, the products of this factory will be relatively cheap.

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